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In re Application of
GORO FUJITA
Application No. 09/636,053
Filed: August 10, 2000
For: INFORMATION READOUT
APPARATUS AND INFORMATION READOUT
METHOD

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the Petition for Withdrawal of Abandonment filed November 12, 2003, requesting the holding of abandonment be withdrawn in the above-identified application; and is also responsive to the supplemental information provided via facsimile on December 23, 2003.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed June 26, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 29, 2003.

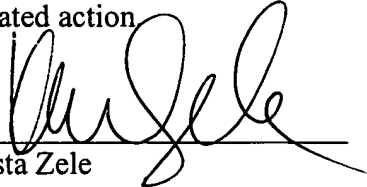
Petitioner asserts that the Office action was not received. The facsimile filed December 23, 2003 evidences that a Revocation and Power of Attorney was filed and received by the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 7, 2001 which was prior to the mailing of the non-final Office action on June 26, 2002. The Power of Attorney filed March 7, 2001 changed the correspondence address and because this paperwork was not matched to the application, the Office action was mistakenly mailed to a previous correspondence address resulting in an irregularity in mailing. A review of the file also finds that the Office action mailed to the old correspondence address was returned by the USPS as undeliverable. The PTO regrets any inconvenience to petitioner.

In view of the above stated reasons, the application was not abandoned in fact. The Notice of Abandonment mailed September 29, 2003 is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

In view of the time lapse between the original mailing of the Office action of June 26, 2002 and the date of this decision, the application file is being forwarded to the examiner of record for updating the search and the Office action as appropriate. From there, the file will be forwarded

to the TC 2600 technical support staff for mailing the Office action to the proper correspondence address of record. The period for response will be set to run from the mailing date of the new, updated action.

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